

## ABSTRACT

An authentication system for mutual authentication between a terminal and a server characterized by the fact that the terminal comprises a memory means that pre-stores an authentication information  $P'$  for terminal storage; a concatenation means that yields a value  $P$  using a specific calculation formula with the input of the authentication information  $P'$  read from the memory means and a password entered for authentication; a mask operation means that yields a value  $Y1$  using a specific calculation formula with the input of value  $P$  and an internally generated random number, and then sends  $Y1$  to the server; and a master key generation means that yields a value  $MK$  using a specific calculation formula with the input of value  $P$ , an internally generated random number and a value  $Y2$  received from the server, and the server comprises a memory means that pre-stores a password verification data  $H$  for server registration; a mask operation means that yields a value  $Y2$  using a specific calculation formula with the input of the password verification data  $H$  read from the memory means and an internally generated random number, and then sends  $Y2$  to the terminal; and a master key generation means that yields a value  $MK$  using a specific calculation formula with the input of the password verification data  $H$ , an internally generated random number and a value  $Y1$  received from the terminal.